



Colors and materials in Biomedicum

Buildings in the park – A park in the building

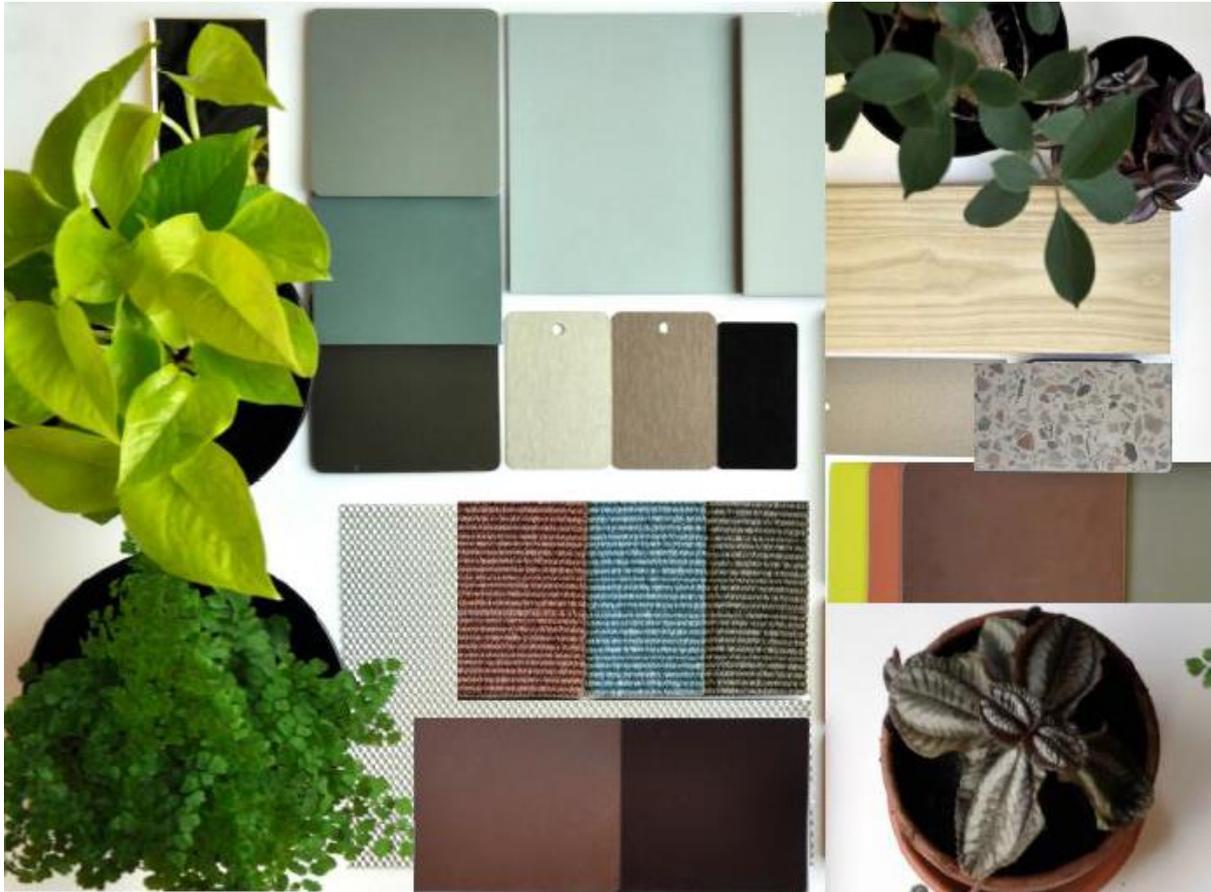
Karolinska Institutet's campus Solna, is known for its red brick buildings, spread out in the green park. The basic idea is that the Biomedicum building will not only be a new building in the park – but also “a park in the building”.

With a large roof of glass, a green atrium and plant walls in the “slits” in the common spaces, the campus' own green landscape “moves” into the building.

Below you can read more about the configuration of colors and materials to the new building.

- Lab quarters are in direct contact with the atrium's park landscape, the balconies and the green plant walls.
- The interior material and the colors for the public and semi-public spaces in Biomedicum are chosen out of respect for Biomedicum being built to last for many years, and are therefore modern and at the same time timeless. Colors are also in harmony with KI's graphic colors.
- For an architect there are many restrictions to follow when choosing material and colors, among them are lighting, environment, fire, accessibility and contrasts.
- **Wood:** The wood gives the building warmth and creates a snug environment. The wood is found on all floors in the wooden wall panels and wall barriers and in the fixed interior.
- **Green plant walls** from the “slits” in the common spaces at the entrance level, go all the way up to the 10th floor.

- **Terrazzo:** The floor on the entrance level with its grey base with white stones and touches of green and red color allude to the green façade and the brick buildings at the campus.
- **The rubber floor** in the labs has a neutral, muffled green grey tone and goes well with the chosen contrasting colors, which are both modern and more playful.



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